



NEWS RELEASE

NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NEMA) – 1300 MILITARY ROAD – LINCOLN, NE 68508-1090

Joint Information Center (JIC)

July 26, 2012, 4 p.m. CDT

CONTACT: 402-382-3500 nema.jic@nebraska.gov

Niobrara National Scenic River to Open Friday

Currently the Niobrara National Scenic River is open for river recreation only from Ft. Niobrara Launch (Cornell) to Nichols Landing, Smith Falls State Park. Firefighters continue to use River Road to access the fire line and continue mop-up operations on the Fairfield Creek Fire.

Beginning Friday, July 27 the Niobrara National Scenic River will be open for floating from Ft. Niobrara Launch (Cornell) to Rock Barn.

Visitors and those travelling in the fire area are urged to use extreme caution as emergency vehicles and firefighters will continue to be working in the River Road area.

The public is also reminded that there are still hazards to be cautious of in the fire area. Smoke may continue to be visible during the next few days as unburned fuels and smoldering logs located inside the perimeter continue to burn. Also, trees that may have been weakened by the fire could fall without warning. Please use caution near the fire area, and while traveling on roads adjacent to the fire area.

###